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In response to the nonfinal Office action dated May 4, 2005, please amend the above-cited patent application, without prejudice, as set forth below, and consider the accompanying remarks.

AMENDMENT

- a. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- b. **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.